intervention project for generating voluntary blood donation in 50 selected cities, with a view to fill the gap between demand and availability of blood.

(5) Blood Banks have been asked to maintain data-base of Voluntary Donors so that they are kept ir regular Contract and can be contacted in emergency, in addition to recognising and honouring them by awards, certificates, badges, etc.

(6) Every year the 1st of October is celebrated as the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. Special Campaigns to educate the masses and special camps for blood collection are organised. Messages from the President of India, the Prime Minister of India and Minister of Health and Family Welfare with appeals for voluntary blood donation are telecast and broadcast. These messages also appear in the newspapers.

Sex Education at Higher Secondary Level

2240. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed study has been conducted by intellectuals on the need to impart sex education at higher secondary level and above in schools/colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to convene any Conference of State Education Ministers on the subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) A number of studies from 1970 onwards conducted by different research institution and professional bodies have stressed the need to have sex education and population education as an integral part of adolescent education. A few of such studies have been documented by NCERT.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Government does not consider it necessary to convene a Conference of Education Ministers to consider only this issue.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh

2241. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for increasing the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh, stating whether any demand has been received in this regard; if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon;

(b) whether any shortage of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh has been reported; and

(c) if so, the details thereof Kendriya Vidyalaya-wise and district-wise, and the action being taken by Government to solve this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No proposal has been received from the Sponsoring Agencies to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh. However, some requests have been received to open new Vidyalayas at Jwalamukhi, Kharampur, Noorpur, Reekong Peo and Kulu in Himachal Pradesh. Due to resource Constraints no new Kendriya Vidyalayas are being opened under Civil/Defence Sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is not maintaining district-wise vacancy

position. Vidyalaya-wise vacancy position is given in the statement (*See* below)

Action to fill up the vacancies through direct recruitment is under process.

Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Himachal Pradesh

Sl. No	*Name of Vidyalaya*	*Number of Vacancies*			
		P.G. Ts.	*T.G. Ts*	*PRTs*	*Misc.*
1.	Jutogh	02	—	—	—
2.	Hamirpur	03	01	—	—
3.	Subathu	03	—	—	01
4.	Simla	05	03	—	—
5.	Kasoli	04	—	—	—
6.	Nalcti	01	01	03	—
7.	Mandi	02	01	—	—
8.	CCI Rajban	04	—	—	01
9.	Bakloh	04	—	—	01
10.	Bhanala	01	01	02	—
11.	Chamera	02	02	02	—
12.	Dalhousie	01	—	—	01
13.	Dharamshala	01	01	—	—
14.	Palampur	02	01	—	—
15.	Yol Cantt.	02	01	—	01
16.	ITBP Sarhan	02	—	01	01
17.	Nadaun	—	—	02	01
18.	Alhilal	—	—	03	—
	TOTAL	39	12	13	07

Third-World Youth Conference

2242. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Third-World Youth Conference met in Praga, Portugal, in July-August this Year;

(b) if so, what specific observations about the growth and development of youth in India in particular and the developing world in general, were made in the World Youth Forum meet; and

(c) whether the annual growth rates of youth population have slowed down in every region; if so, the comparative figures of Youth growth in India, in other Asian countires, and in the developing countries and in the developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir The Third World Youth Forum of the United Nations was held at Wraga, Portugal from 2nd to 7th August, 1998.

(b) The Forum did not make any specific observation about the growth and development of youth in India or the developing world but it adoped a Youth Action Plan which was presented in the meeting of the World Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth held after the Third World Youth Forum.